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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...where a person could answer "no", if asked, in connection with employment, whether he or she had ever been arrested. A traffic stop is an arrest. So that provision dealing with a citation in lieu of arrest was supposed to address that matter. It really doesn't, in view of what the Nebraska Supreme Court has said, but I doubt that it would pose a problem when a person fills out an application for employment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks, on the Beutler amendment to LB 74. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I would like to ask Senator Chambers a question, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield to a question, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR DIERKS: You know, Senator Chambers, it's been said that there is no such thing as a stupid question, just stupid answers. But I'm going to attempt to change that. What does your bill have to do with...how will it affect the point system on drivers' licenses? Will it have any effect at all?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It changes nothing, all it deals with is the definition. And even if we did not adopt Senator Beutler's amendment, if we did not advance this bill, the law would still be what the Nebraska Supreme Court has said it is with reference to infractions. So all this bill is designed to do is put into the statute what the Supreme Court has said ought to be there. It has nothing to do with creating an infraction where one does not exist, does not alter a punishment or a penalty, has nothing to do with the existing point system, only the definition of infraction.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Seeing no further